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# **ENGINEERS MADE GOOD IN HOT WORK** UP AT THE FRONT

6th, for Example, Did Valian Combat Service With British Forces

#### **108TH IN ARGONNE DRIVE**

Bridge-Building Under Fire Mair Issue, but Capturing Boche Was Enjoyed as a Sideline

In writing the series of articles recently empleted in The Stars and Stripes upon the subject of the work of the combat diforces, the writer was always keenly con of the fact that little or no justice could be done in a history of that scale to the magnificent performances of a great of subordinate organizations, no only of divisional, but of corps and Arm only of divisional, but of corps and Army troops, whose work was as gallant and as vitally necessary to success as that of any other units. But, in describing within such a small compass the battles of forces so enormous, it was obviously impossible to do more than outling the results achieved that decisive factor in all armies, the fantry, supplemented occasionally by infantry, supplemented occasionally by some reference to its powerful auxillary

ascauently, the labors, the sufferings heroisms and the successes of sucl croops as Engineer regiments, Machine Gur battalions, Signal Corps and hospital units Tank Corps troops, eviation units, Amm Tank Corps troops, aviation units, Anmunition and Supply trains and many others, could hardly be even referred to. But there is no soldier of the American Expeditionary Forces who does not know that the work of such units was absolutely essential, and that all the glory earned by American arms in Europe is theirs to share in just proportion with their commades of the major branches of the service.

In order that at least a few examples of order that at least a few examples of sort of work which was performed by so of these multitudinous auxiliary units the Great War may be recorded in these mas, it is intended to tell here someting a few and the sound of the so

#### Back of British in March, 1918

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6 6th Engineers arrived in France in mber, 1917, long in advance of the rest s division, and soon thereafter was to the areas in the rear of the British es and set at such work as Engineers susually called upon to perform, build-nd repairing roads, bridges, etc. They at that work in the latter part of h, 1918, when the first mighty German sive crashed its way through the 5th Army on the 21st of that month; but the first mighty derman sive crashed its way through the 5th Army on the 21st of that month; but the first mighty derman first and the first mighty derman the but the first mighty derman for the first mighty derman for a but the first mighty derman for the first mighty derman for the first mighty for the first mighty first m

#### British Outnumbered

"More heavily outnumbered by the Huns than the latter were by the Yanks in the Mouse-Argonic, the British fought desperately, but-vainly, to stem the advance. Division after division disappeared in the flightful earnage out on the flat Somme plain, Ill-adapted to offensive purposes. The British were about at the end of the flat of the British were about at the end of the flat of the British were about at the end of the flat of the fla

ruption of llaison between the French and British Armies.

"Every available man was thrown into the breach. The 19 hospitals of Amiens were combed for convalescents who could carry a gun. Men with their trigger ingers shot off were rushed out of the city. With all the measures taken there was still a small breach that had not been filled. Brig. Gen. Scheman. Carry, of the B.E.F., had been a small the measurement of the state of the convenient of the convenient of the convenient of the convenient of the state resort. he asked the the above-mentioned companies of the 6th American Engineers be loaned to fill the gap. Their commander consented.

#### Non-Combatants Go In

"These men were not combatants. They had not been trained as such. Yet they cheerfully took up the burden. I do not recall the exact date, but it was the Sunday night before Easter. They were given a chicken dinner by the British and supplied with Enfeld rifles and ammunition. They

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# BANKING FACTOR

Next to a demobilized soldier, the hardest thing to find employment for seems to be the hand grenade, although two uses have been discovered, according to reports this week from America and the Army of Occupation.

#### WHAT'S HER NAME? ER, NOT TODAY, SIR

Buck's Memory Spoils Another

Filled with the laudable ambition to become a married man because his best friend and his best lay friend's best friend were to wed, Pvt. Bric Olsen (which isn't his real name at all) made his way to the Judge Advocate's office to procure the needful preliminary decuments.

"What's her name?" inquired the official in charge.

#### TO DRAW PILLOWS? AND FOR CASUALS?

Sure, The Looey Meant It,

# 1ST AND 2ND LAY

Cantigny and Chateau-Thierry Dates Remembered

Monday, June 2, was a holiday in the 2nd Division in the bridgehead on the Rhine. The anniversary of the battle of Château-Thierry was observed. It is just a year ago that infanitry and Marines of the 2nd Division were thrown against the Boche on the Paris-Metz road near 'Château-Thierry, and from that moment on the Americans were in continual fighting until November 11.

The program for the 2nd Division holiday opened with the announcement that there would be no reveille. There were

a its long list of military accomplishment

#### Visit Scene of Fighting

Home Guard Lotharios May Get 'Em April 1

International Marriage

"What's her name?" inquired the official in charge.
"Marie, what's her last name?"
"Marie what?"
"No, no. What's her last name?"
"Fer, I don't know, sir."
"What's her street address?"
"Er, I don't know, sir."
"Are you sure you know whether you want to get married or not?" A bit sarcastically.
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Prooving His Bravery

# OFF TO CELEBRATE

by Rhine Yanks

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# YANKEE TARS WERE **CHAPERONS OF 62** PER CENT OF A.E.F.

Doughboys of Sea Proved Great Little Escorts **Crossing Atlantic** 

LAID GREAT MINE BARRAGE

Furnished Allies With Heaviest Artillery, and Made Things Hot for U-Boats All Along

A gob is a doughboy in a sallor's uniform; and, lest we forget, here are a few of the things these doughboys of the sen did in the late disagreement:

Escorted 62 per cent, or about 1,250,060 troops of the A.E.F. to Europe.

Escorted 27 per cent of all U.S., Allied and neutral shipping, containing chow and material to France, England and Italy during our participation in the war.

Laid 80 per cent of the northern mine barringe from the Orkney Islands to Norway. In one operation a field of 5,520 mines were hild in less than four hours—a feat unparalleed in the annals of marine mine laying.

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Established and operated nine shore bases to support cruising ships, together with 34 aviation bases in England, Ireland, France and Italy, from which aircraft bombed engry submarine bases and patrolled at sea in protecting convoys from submarines. Equipped, manned and operated on the Western front with French and U.S. Armies a battery of great mobile naval guns which had been designed by the Navy for its battleships, with a range of over 20 miles—the most powerful artillery used on the front by any of the Allies. There were five complete gun trains chasers.

Insect and operated 120 submarine chasers. Insect and operated allow the most powerful artillery used on the front by any of the Allies. There were five complete gun trained and and after a field in the second of the first based from Ireland and five from the Azores. One of these submarines was fired at by a German U-boat, but the torpedo, curving cratically, struck and sank the

#### Latter-Day Gobs Don't Brag

intery, of the machine gunners. Drifting noiselessly over the waters at night, ears glued to sounding instruments to catch the first faint thumping of a submarine's engine is as nothing, in his estimation, come so that the state of the sta

## With British Grand Vicet

Five American battleships served as a distinct unit with the British Grand Fleet, and at least on two occasions this squadron was in its assigned place in the battle line when it looked as if the German fleet were coming out. A division of U.S. dreadnoughts cruised for months off the west coast of Irecontinued on Page 3

#### FINAL ISSUE OF PAPER **NEXT WEEK**

The STARS AND STRIPES, official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Forces, will be discontinued on June 13, next Friday. This date has been sclected for the final Issue by the Commander-In-Chief.

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Special features of interesting A.E.F. activities, beginning with the creation of the American Army in France and reviewing its operations to the war's very end, will be a part of this final issue. One of these will be an eight-page photocomment of the comment of the war's very end, will be a part of this final issue please of the property of the A.E.F. from the first to the last. One of Baldridge's best works will appear as a special feature of this supplement.

For those who desire extra numbers of this final issue, it is requested that they place their orders as far in advance as possible with THE STARS AND STRIPES field agents or other distributors. Delayed requests will be impossible to fill, due to the demobilization of the pager's personnel, which was the point of the pager's personnel, which was the point of the pager's personnel, which was the property of the publication on June 13.

# WHAT'S THIS? YANK **DUBBED HIGHBROW?**

That's What A.L.A. Folks Deduce from the Way He Eats Up Books

The average American population read mostly fiction. Monthly library statistics in the States show the balance all out of proportion—the fiction readers are several

about 300 points in the accupied area. The soldier in outlying district can request books from the Coblenz warchouse and from the Paris headquarters. Fletion is more in demand in the smaller places than in Coblenz.

The Coblenz office has sent 1,500 books into Germany for the use of American soldiers on duty at Berlin and in relief work in Russian prisoner camps. A small stock of Russian books which was on hand in Paris was sent into Germany for the use of the Russians.

The A.L.A. has taken over the handling of magazines from other auxiliary organizations, and is now distributing the periodicals in conjunction with its libraries.

## A.E.F.'S FIRST SHELL CASE

The battery that fired the first shot in the war has taken good care that it always will be able to prove its claim and identify that tirst shell ease.

I markings which are shown to a very few of the men of Battery C, 6th Fleld Artillery, the unit which gained the first shot honor, the shell case long ago was forwarded to the United States in the care of a newspaper correspondent, the battery commander announced this week. The first shot was fired on October 23, 1917, now the care of the care of a newspaper correspondent, the battery commander announced this week. The first shot was fired on October 23, 1917, now the care of a newspaper correspondent, the battery commander announced this week. The first shot was fired on October 23, 1917, now the care of the should be considered that the should be considered the should be considered the should be considered the care of the care of the should be considered the care of the should be considered the care of the should be care to the should be care to

# TREATY PROBLEMS MAY BRING CHANGE IN BERLIN POWER

People Cry for Peace, but Government That Signs Will Fall

ALLIES FIRM ON PRINCIPLE

Formation of Rhine Republic Is New Complication in Week of Uncertainty

The diplomatic armistice with Ger. still in force.
While the members of the Council

Four in Paris are considering the counter-proposals of Count von Broekdorf-Ranizau, the German Government in Berlin Is facing the apparently hopeless problem of how to answer the cry of the people for peace at any price and the certainty of having those same people turn the Government that gives it to them out into the street.

"This Government will not sign this peace," is a phrase going the rounds in circles in touch with the situation both in Berlin and Paris, But it is understood that, while the Allies are firm in their refusal to alter the terms in principle, certain changes will be made which, to a degree, cover some of the points brought up in the Brockdorff suggestions.

If the present Berlin Government is stubborn it may invite military action, force further occupation and then resign under the mask of foreign pressure, and let a new set of officials put their name to the paper. President Wilson, keen to the need of a speedy settlement, is acting as a mediatory in such divergence or views as exist between France and Britain on the subject of the indomnity. It sunderstood that a number of the financial experts connected with the conformer are urging the settlements of long.

#### Rhinė Republic New Factor

urther complications from the German adpoint arise from the formation of the me Republic, which has been labeled in treason by Berlin, but which has mly set up its government, with Coblem a capital. As the fliincland is one or richest and most densely populated por

ms win the new Republic, which, he said, had no connection with the old empire. While he did not seek to escape the obligations of the former Government. Dr. Reinres can be described that the new nation was in spring sense in heir to the evils of the Hapsburg domain.

## 33.537 ENLIST IN U.S.

Enlistments in the United States of volun-cers for foreign service had roached 33,537 on May 16, according to War Department igures. The volunteers are almost equally lyided between the one-year and the three rear men. Of the new men 7,586 asked for unique between the one-year and the three-year men. Of the new men 7.585 asked for assignment to France, 1.639 for duty in the Philippines and 826 for duty in Hawaii. General March, chief of staff of the War Department, repeated the assurance that the \$.000 men being ruised for service in Siberia are force to Siberia with a that the creased. Emergency men in Siberia are to be returned as soon as the volunteer de-tachments reach Vladivostok.

#### SALVATION ARMY'S MILLIONS

(BY AMERICAN RADIO NEWS SERVICE.)
AMERICA, June 5.—Successful in a campaign to raise \$13,060,000, the National Headquarters of the Salvation Army announces that this money will be used for home service work. Out of the total. New York City is said to have raised \$1,500,000.

# PLUG GOT GOING

One Yank Phrase Will Survive in French Speech

in French Speech

Long after the outlines of the last boat filled with Yanks drops below the horizon, the peaceful valleys of France will yield musical celoes in the old American tongue. Willynilly, the butchers and bakers and cognac makers of "sunny" France will continue to talk United States.

It's all on account of the members of the A.E.F. who are destined to stay behind. Almost every province of France has a mule from Missouri or a horse from Idaho which severed its connection with the A.E.F. in one of the many sales conducted by the Remount Service. Out at Vouvray, which, besides being as good a wine as they make in France, is also a suburb of Tours, there is one madame who is fast getting acquainted with her new cheval.

But it looked bad at first, A busk from a Tours barracks came upon the spectacle of a patient but motionless horse litched to a cart and a much worried old madame: circling cart and horse in a vain effort to get a little action.

"How goes it, madame?"

"Ah, monsieur! Ife is a bon cheval. But he understands not the French. How is it you say 'Allez!', monsieur?"

"Wolla, madame."

The buck took the reins and assumed a position of vantage. A single "Giddap!" and the horse got into action. Madame was amazed and delighted.

"Ah, mered, monsieur! Ah, merei!"

And if madame, ten years from now, remembers no more than a "Gid. well, that's something.

ARMISTICE CAME

Otherwise We'd Be Wearing Rabbit Skin Caps

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so on a man, but killed the man, too,
rench shower baths that worked perif nobody but the shower was in
rench, were merefully held up until
took the count.

#### *DEMOCRAT BOOZE;* DEMOCRATIC BRIG

Little Group of Serious Drinker Behind Bars

# TRADE OUTLOOK IS STUDIED BY YANKS

Bordeaux Fair Gives Opportunity to Learn of Business Conditions

deaux falt, under the direction of the De-partment of Rusiness Education of Bases.

The fair opened the last of May, and the Department of Business Education has an office there and will conduct American sol-diers through the various exhibits.

The same department has made an ex-tended investigation of business opportuni-ties in France from the standpoint of the American soldier, and has announced its willingness to give advice relative to pros-pects and business relations in France.

The Department of Business Education is carrying on a campaign to get the Ameri-can soldiers to return in each instance to thir home cities for the period of stabili-zation of business as a result of the change in industry due to the close of the war. This is the result of letters received from principal chambers of commerce in vari-ous parts of the United States urging that shis way then the return to normal of busi-ness conditions will be hastened.

#### THIRD ARMY SCHOOLS CLOSE

Third Army schools, which have had an average attendance of about 20,000 soldier-students, have been gradually closing down until now only four are operating—the Third Corps, 1st Division, 2nd Division and ird Division schools.

The April monthly school reports showed the control of the con

3rd Division schools.

The April monthly school reports showed a total of 432 schools, with 19,866 students and 1,278 teachers. In addition, many students were sent to Beaune University and to French and British universities. Everything from antique art to barbering was taught in the Third Army schools.

# "GIDDAP," AND THE REGULAR DIVISIONS ONLY NOW IN A.E.F.; LAST OF N.A. SAILS

Departures for May Total 331,136; 6th and 7th Now at Port

## 80,000 IN CAMP AT BREST

O.S. May Send Home 258,840 in Month: Further Reduction of Army Up to Peace Conference

The last khaki figure that took ship May

31 was the 331,136th Yank to go home in May.
Aside from the five divisions sitting tight on the Phine, only the 6th and 7th Divisions are yet to go. The 6th is getting away from Brest and the last trainload of the 7th is moving into the same port today. By June 10 there will be no more divisional troops released to sail, and the 268,840 members of the S,O.S. scheduled to leave in June are throwing things together in a hurry to catch the great fleet of vessels due in at Brest, St. Nazaire and Bordeaux within the next 24 days.
Shipments for the first two days in June were only 13,000, and the June homogoing program, like the May one, is getting off with an uncertain stride that, however,

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Brest has salling of the Lev.
K.A. Victoria, the Louisian.
and the Roanoke within the next few dwill relieve this congestion. It is Breambition to send away 200,000 members the A.E.F. this month. IN NICK OF TIME

St. Nazaire is scheduled to get out & Fanks in the first 18 days of June,

## Brest Leads Ports

#### Brest Clears 170,000 in Monch

The totals of troops sailing from Brest in May were 160,000 men and 4.712 offleers. Breet is preparing to receive and send home the largest number of troops during June that has been sent from any two other ports so far. Nineteen provisional battal-Continued on Page 2 "FINI LA GUERRE"-

THAT'S HIS NAME! Franco-Yank Baby Was Born at 11 A.M. on November 11, 1918

On the morning of November 11, at precisely 11 o'clock when the guns—but it isn't an armistice story!

Set. Rex Packard, M.T. Company 4, and sires. Set. RPMTCoNoFour (nee Francaise) I: that very moment of world's listory became the proud parents of the A.E.F.

'Armistice Baby.''

At least, so the sergeant says in his challongs to all "wodded persons of our forces to produce a record to beat it.''

The sergeant writes that the attitude of the petit morceau is decidedly Yank, with a French temperament, but the language he is learning to speak is still debatable. Sergeant Packard doesn't say what name of "the finest Franco-American be in all france" happens to be, so it is wo dered what will decorate his visiting car when young men tell their financés wha pledy did in the Great War.

Elser is a movement on foot to call hire ireful la Guerre."